GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:295
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Incentives for Pulses
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers in the country are reportedly not getting adequate/right incentives and support price for pulses and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a panel headed by Arvind Subramanian has submitted report with regard to incentives and Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for pulses and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Government proposes to review MSP and subsidy policy to incentivise the farmers for growing pulses in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 295 DUE FOR REPLY ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2016.

(a) & (b): Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops including Pulses on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments. Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of pulses for 2016-17 season. The MSPs for pulses for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are given below:
(Rs. Per Quintal)

Pulse	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Arhar	4350	4625^	5050$
Moong	4600	4850^	5225$
Urad	4350	4625^	5000$
Gram	3175	3500#	4000^
Masur (Lentil)	3075	3400#	3950&

^ : Including bonus of Rs. 200 per quintal.
$: Including bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal.
; Including bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal.
&: Including Bonus of Rs. 150 per quintal

The Government offers to procure crops whenever prices fall below MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

A Committee constituted by Finance Ministry under Chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser has recommended increase in MSP of pulses, strengthen the procurement machinery, Genetically Modified (GM) technologies in pulses etc.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to change the formula for determining MSPs at present. However, Government has taken several initiatives to increase production and productivity of pulses which inter alia includes National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses, Demonstrations under cropping system based approach to target rice fallow areas in Eastern India for pulses under Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) of pulses etc.
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In addition, during 2016-17, Government has taken new initiatives for enhancing pulses production and productivity which, interalia, include distribution of seed minikits of newer varieties of pulses free of cost, production of quality seed (breeder, foundation and certified seed), creation of seeds hubs at State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVSs), strengthening of

bio-fertilizers and bio agent labs at SAUs/Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes, technological demonstrations by KVKs, enhancing breeder seed production under NFSM etc.
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